

**5023. Misbranding of "Owens' Wonderful Sore Wash." U. S. \* \* \* v. Edward W. Zurhellen, Mgr. (Sore Wash and Eye Lotion Co.) Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10 and costs. (F. & D. No. 6637. I. S. No. 8219-e.)**

On November 1, 1915, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District of Court of the United States for said district an information against Edward W. Zurhellen, manager of the Sore Wash & Eye Lotion Co., Natchez, Miss., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drug Act, as amended, on or about February 23, 1913, from the State of Mississippi into the State of Tennessee, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Owens' Wonderful WSW Sore Wash \* \* \*," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Alkaloid, free (gram per 100 cc)-----	0.01
Solids (grams per 100 cc)-----	16.85
Hydrastine: Present.	
Zinc salt: Present.	
Sulphate: Present.	
Chlorid: Present.	
Sodium: Present.	
Alcohol, salicylic acid, boric acid, heavy metals: Absent.	

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that statements appearing on its label falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for all diseases of the skin, carbuncles, erysipelas, tetter, goiter, and piles; and further in that the statements included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying it falsely and fraudulently represented it as a cure for catarrh, goiter, cancer, diphtheria, erysipelas, and gangrene, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On November 14, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*